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1. POL/ECON COUNSELOR RAISED MATTER OF RESOLUTION ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL WITH COUNSELOR SHARARA INTL ORGS MFA ON MAY 6. LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE URGING EGYPTIANS CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION AND STRESSED ORALLY IMPORTANCE OF EGYPTIAN/US COOPERATION IN THIS SPHERE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF EGYPTIANS' STRONG INTEREST IN SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL AND COOPERATIVE GOE/USG ACTIVITY ALREADY UNDERWAY. SHARARA SAID HE WOULD MOVE PROMPTLY IN CONTACTING OFFICIALS IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES, PARTICULARLY MINHEALTH, WITH VIEW TO SECURING AGREEMENT TO CO-SPONSOR.

2. WE ALSO TALKED WITH DR. MINER, CHIEF OF US NAVY MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT (NAMRU) WHO HAD BEEN INFORMED BY EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUES GOE HAD LONG BEEN CONCERNED THAT WHO WAS NOT DOING ENOUGH IN SCHISTOSOMIASIS FIELD IN EGYPT. WE THEN CALLED MINHEALTH UNDERSEC AHMED MAZEN, INFORMED HIM OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SHARARA AND REQUESTED HIS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CO-SPONSORSHIP ON RESOLUTION. SENT COPIES OF PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION TO

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MAZEN WHO REVIEWED TEXT AND INDICATED HE PREPARED TO DO WHAT

HE COULD TO SECURE GOE CO-SPONSORSHIP. MAZEN SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER ASAP WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH MOHY EL-DIN WHO WILL HEAD GOE DEL TO WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY. MAZEN ASSURED US HE WOULD SEE TO IT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WOULD FOCUS ON RESOLUTION PROMPTLY AND BEFORE MINISTER DEPARTS CAIRO EN ROUTE FOR GENEVA ON SUN MAY 11.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS BEEN ENDEAVORING OVER EXTENDED PERIOD TO BROADEN BASIS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND GOE DELS TO INTO CONFERENCES AS WELL AS IN ACTIVITIES OF INTL ORGS. AT TIMES WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH HARDLINE DIFFERENCES GROWING OUT OF OPPOSING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VIEWPOINTS AND THERE IS LITTLE GIVE. WE WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES, THEREFORE, TO WORK WITH EGYPIANS ON RESOLUTIONS SUCH AS THIS WHERE WE HAVE CLEARCUT COMMON INTERESTS. WHILE WE CANNOT BE SURE EGYPTIANS WILL CO-SPONSOR DRAFT RESOLUTION JUST AS IT STANDS, WE BELIEVE THEY WILL GIVE OUR APPROACH SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION.
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